

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present Application are 11-29, 31-59, and 61-73. Claims 1-73 are cancelled. Claim 74-89 are new. No new matter has been added herein as a result of the amendments.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating Allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 13, 23, 26, 32, 34-37, 43, 53, 56, 62 and 64-67 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of intervening claims. As such, Applicants have rewritten Claims 13, 23, 26, 32, 34-37, 43, 53, 56, 62 and 64-67 in independent form and respectfully request allowance of these claims. New Claims 74-89 have been added to include the features of Claims 13, 23, 26, 32, 34-37, 43, 53, 56, 62 and 64-67 that are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of intervening claims.

In particular, Applicants have added new Claim 74 which includes the features of Claim 13, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 75 which includes the features of Claim 23, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 76 which includes the features of Claim 26, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 77 which includes the features of Claim 32, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 78 which includes the features of Claim 34, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 79 which includes the features of Claim 35, including intervening Claim 34 and Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 80 which includes the features of Claim 36, including intervening Claims 34 and 35

and Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 81 which includes the features of Claim 37, including Independent Claim 11. Applicants have added new Claim 82 which includes the features of Claim 43, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 83 which includes the features of Claim 53, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 84 which includes the features of Claim 56, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 85 which includes the features of Claim 62, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 86 which includes the features of Claim 64, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 87 which includes the features of Claim 65, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 88 which includes the features of Claim 66, including Independent Claim 41. Applicants have added new Claim 89 which includes the features of Claim 67, including Independent Claim 41.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 74-89 are in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these claims. Applicants respectfully submit no contested claims remain pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because legends are required for Figures 4 and 5. Replacement Drawings are provided in conjunction with the current response. Applicants respectfully submit the replacement drawings overcome the objections and Applicants respectfully request the objections to the drawings be removed.

Claim Rejections 101

Claim 69 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is purported to be directed to non-statutory subject matter and in a separate 101 rejection, Claim 69 is purported to be directed to neither a process nor machine. Claim 69 has been cancelled, thus Applicants consider the rejections moot and respectfully request the rejections be removed.

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Claims 11, 12, 18, 19, 27, 29, 33, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kyuma (5,513,713). Claims 11, 12, 18, 19, 27, 29, 33, and 38 have been cancelled, thus Applicants consider the rejection moot and respectfully request the rejection be removed.

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Claims 20, 31, 38, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyuma. Claims 20, 31, 38, and 73 have been cancelled, thus Applicants consider the rejection moot and respectfully request the rejection be removed.

Claims 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 39, 40 and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyuma in view of McGarvey (2002/010959). Claims 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 39, 40 and 69 have been cancelled, thus Applicants consider the rejection moot and respectfully request the rejection be removed.

Claims 15, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyuma in view of Ooi (4,527,189). Claims 15, 24, and 25 have been cancelled, thus Applicants consider the rejection moot and respectfully request the rejection be removed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed remarks and amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the Claims 74-89.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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